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SUBJ: REPORTED VENEZUELAN PURCHASE OF MILITARY TRANSPORT
EQUIPMENT

REF: STATE 66807

1. VENEZUELAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE SOURCES ADVISE THAT MENTION OF
TEN SETS OF MOBILE ASSAULT BRIDGING (MAB) EQUIPMENT CONTAINED IN
THE VENEZUELAN EMBASSY NOTE OF OCT 23, 1974, WAS AN
INADVERTENT MISTAKE, AND THAT QUANTITY SPECIFIED SHOULD HAVE
BEEN ONE SET RATHER THAN TEN SETS.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE VENEZUELAN ARMY IS NOW REVIEWING THE
QUESTION OF ITS PURCHASE OF MAB, AND THAT THE GOV WILL AMEND ITS
NOTE OF OCT 23, 1974, TO SPECIFY A QUANTITY OF MAB NOT TO
EXCEED ONE SET. THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF THE CONTEMPLATED GOV
PURCHASE CANNOT BE ASCERTAINED AT THIS TIME, BUT MAY BE LESS
THAN THE \$5.1 MILLION COST FOR ONE COMPLETE SET OF BRIDGING
AND RELATED EQUIPMENT.
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